

e-Bugle

Garrett Bugle Internet Edition

Volume 54

September 2007

No. 7



Calendar

Tues., Sept. 25	Community briefing, GPES cafeteria, 7–8:30 pm; nursery school building proposal (see p 8)	Wed., Oct. 17	Fall Swimming Pool membership meeting, Town Hall, time TBD
Wed., Sept. 26	Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Oct. 18	Casual Musicians' Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., Sept. 27	GPES Education Foundation meeting, Town Hall (see p 6)	Fri., Oct. 19	Film Society, Town Hall, 7 pm; <i>The Conformist</i>
Sun., Sept. 30	Newcomers' Welcome (Citizens Assoc.), Town Hall, 4–6 pm (p 3)	Fri., Oct. 19	BSO Historic Homes Tour, 9:30 am–3 pm; see poster, P.O. lobby
Thurs., Oct. 4	Casual Musicians' Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 20	BSO Historic Homes Tour, day 2
Sat., Oct. 6	GIVES collection, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm	Wed., Oct. 24	Citizens Assoc. Mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm
Mon., Oct. 8	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 27	Large item pickup; Halloween in spooky Porcupine Woods, dusk
Tues., Oct. 9	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm	Sun., Oct. 28	Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am; set clocks back one hour; annual Garrett Park Tree Walk, starting at Penn Place, 1 pm (see Arboretum Notes, p 7)
Sat., Oct. 13	Attic-in-the-Street sale, Kenilworth Ave., 10 am–2 pm (see p 3)	Wed., Oct. 31	School costume parade (afternoon), trick or treating by school-children
Sun., Oct. 14	Fire & Safety Jamboree, Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, 11–4 pm (see p 7)		

Monumental Council Meeting

September's Town Council session wasn't so much a meeting as a marathon. Citizens packed into Town Hall for almost three hours, express-

ing themselves in heartfelt words, rounds of applause, challenges to authority, and partisan stickers worn on everything from T-shirts to suit

(continued next page)

Garrett Park Citizens Association
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896-0456

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 2

P.O. Boxholder
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

(continued from previous page)

jackets. Oh, and a bunch of other people were there to discuss the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

As if to prove yet again the adage that all politics is local, parents from the Garrett Park Nursery School came to the Council meeting concerned (to put it mildly) about an apparent threat to their building. The upset began with a proposal released in July by the Montgomery County Department of Parks, which suggested the possibility of transferring ownership of the Garrett Park Estates Recreation Center (the nursery school's building) to Montgomery County Public Schools. MCPS could then, the proposal said, expand onto that land—minus the recreation center building. As for the nursery school, the parks department's document simply said: "Relocate current tenants to more suitable building."

Angry parents (who, by time of the Council meeting, had a name—the GPNS Save Our School Task Force—and sheets of the aforementioned fashion-statement stickers) had more than a few questions. Where, exactly, in Garrett Park, is there any other "suitable" building? Just how much would the rent for this who-knows-where building cost? How do you recruit new families to a school that may not have a place to meet? And their big question: Why did we find out about this proposal through a press release and a Washington Post article? Of course, there wasn't a single Montgomery County official present to offer any answers. Well, actually, there were two.

To their credit, County Councilmember (and ex-Garrett Park mayor) Nancy Floreen and Mary Bradford, director of Parks and Recreation, came to face the music (or, maybe in this case, to face the Play-Doh). Bradford apologized quite profusely for not having consulted the community before announcing what is ultimately, she promised, only a proposal and not a plan. Floreen asked skeptical parents to reserve judgment until all stakeholders have had a chance to weigh in at a late September meeting (see p 8). The Town Council agreed to closely watch developments and become involved as necessary.

So there was also that small matter of the impeachment debate. During the citizens' presentations, Mayor Shawaker played timekeeper, allowing 10 speakers two minutes apiece to make their cases. None spoke in opposition to the impeachment resolution. Some took note of the escalating numbers of casualties, both American and Iraqi. One self-described conservative said "high crimes and misdemeanors doesn't quite describe" the derailment of democracy by the current administration. Others harkened back to Garrett Park's vote to become a nuclear free zone, which, said one, may have helped end the Cold War. Indeed, conceded another, the resolution amounted to "spitting in the wind," but he strongly urged its passage nonetheless. Warren Kornberg, the godfather of the petition, reported that the official tally of signatures was 104. The

number would have been larger, he said, had a number of sign-up sheets not been stolen.

So then it was voting time. Well, kind of. Councilmember Beth Irons moved for passage of the resolution, but with an amendment: that it be directed to Rep. Chris Van Hollen and Maryland's two Senators, rather than to the clerk of the House of Representatives. Moments later, Councilmember Hans Wegner proposed an alternative amendment calling for a town-wide referendum. And immediately after that, nothing whatsoever ensued. The meeting, it seemed, had hit a parliamentary speed bump. Robert's Rules of Order was cracked open, to determine whether the first amendment should be voted on before consideration of the other. The book of Robert (he only needs one name, sort of like Liza) ruled to the contrary; a vote for the Wegner amendment would automatically void the Irons amendment. And then, faster than you can say "secure, undisclosed location," the Council voted 3 to 2 to call for a referendum. (For the record, the dissenters had stated their intentions to vote for the Irons amendment.)

The rest of the Council's business was a bit more mundane. Adding a sidewalk and fixing drainage problems around Cambria Park? They're in favor. New carpet (securely affixed, to prevent slippage) for the Penn Place hallway? They're for that, too. Greasy residue from street-side cleaning of stoves from the Black Market? Not so much.

Richard Folkers

We're Still Green!

Paul and Jackie Osmond sent us \$37 to cover the cost of the banner in this month's issue in honor of their son, Jeffrey, who served in Kuwait for the U.S. Navy Seabees from September 2006 to April 2007. We thank them for their donation.

We have funds in the kitty for up to the March edition. Anyone else want to join in keeping us in the "green"? Send a check made out to the Citizens Association to Mary Moyer, Box 98, and many thanks.

Mary Moyer

The *Garrett Bugle* is a publication of the Citizens Association of Garrett Park, published 10 times a year. Publication of the *Bugle* is supported by member dues. All residents of Garrett Park are members of the Citizens Association. Yearly dues (\$20 per family or \$10 per individual per address) can be sent to Citizens Association, Box 456, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Citizens Association Officers:

Presidents:	Matt Stavish Pam Morgan Chris Strong
Treasurer:	Jenny Krivanek
Secretary:	Melissa Bronez

Bugle staff:

Editor: Barbara Collier (Box 191)
Reporters: Mary Moyer (Box 98)
Richard Folkers (Box 132)
Margaret Soltan (Box 518)
Carol Davies Lillie (Box 351)

Graphic design: Linda Paine
Ads: Mary Moyer (Box 98)
Subscriptions: Jane Salomon (Box 227) **Distribution:** Peggy Pratt

Out-of-town subscriptions cost \$13 (first class) or \$10 (bulk mail). Letters to the editor can be submitted by mail or hand to *Bugle* staff or by e-mail. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity. Unsigned letters will not be printed.

Town Administrator Notes

Changes: Elizabeth Henley has taken over as my assistant, replacing Laura Krupp, who has left town for a new life in Westchester County, New York. A fond farewell to Laura, who has done such a great job, and a big welcome to Elizabeth, who stands ready to help residents in any way she can. Stop by the office and say “Hello.”

Large Item Pickup: The fall large item collection will take place on October 27.

Regular Trash, Recycling, & Yardwaste Collection: Remember, when a Monday or Thursday is a major holiday (New Year’s Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas), service resumes on the next scheduled collection day—trash will be on the following Monday or Thursday, and recycling and yard waste the following Monday.

Driveway & Parking Pad Permits: Please remember, if you are planning to alter your driveway or install a parking pad in front of your house, you are going to affect town property, and you must file for a permit with the Town Office. Call 301-933-7488 if you have questions.

Be Prepared: September is National Preparedness Month, and it is important to remember that a certain degree of self-reliance is usually necessary after a major catastrophe. It is recommended that each household should have at least 3 days worth of water, food, and other essentials on hand at all times. Try to avoid candles and oil lamps and get battery-powered emergency lights. For more information on how best to prepare for the worst, visit www.makeaplan.org or call 866-788-PLAN.

Leaf Raking & Yard Work Assistance: Any young people who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town Office, 301-933-7488, to add their names to the list we keep.

Martin Luther King Day Commission: Volunteers are needed to represent Garrett Park as representative and alternate to the County’s MLK Day Commission. Please contact the Town Office or Mayor Shawaker if you are interested in this opportunity to serve the town.

Ted Pratt
Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

Newcomers’ Reception

The Garrett Park Citizens Association will host the annual Newcomers’ Reception on Sunday, September 30, from 4 to 6 pm at the Town Hall. We extend a warm invitation to families who have moved into town over the past year. Come meet your new neighbors and find out about everything that’s going on in town. “Old-timers” are invited to share information about groups and events and meet our newest residents. Light refreshments will be provided. The Redskins have a “by” so there are no excuses!

Attic in the Street

The Garrett Park Women’s Club is again pleased to announce that the annual Garrett Park Attic in the Street sale will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 10 to 2. The cost for one space is \$20, and for two spaces \$35. Make out checks to the Garrett Park Women’s Club and send to

Garrett Park Women’s Club
PO Box 494
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Setup time is 8:30 to 9:30 am, and all unsold materials must be cleared by 3 pm.

With your check, please send the following information: name, address, telephone, e-mail (all correspondence will be by e-mail to participants before the sale date), and number of spaces requested. If you wish to volunteer to help plan this event, or if you have any questions, please contact Celia Hayes.

Impeachment Discussion

Come to the Town Hall on Friday, October 5 (7:45 to 9:30), for a free public viewing and discussion of Bill Moyers’ “Tough Talk on Impeachment,” with John Nichols, an editor at *The Nation*, and Bruce Fein, a constitutional scholar with the American Enterprise Institute, who drafted one of the impeachment charges against President Clinton. This show is what public television is supposed to be about: intelligent, provocative discussion of a live public issue—not your usual on-the-one-hand/on-the-other-hand talking heads. These two brilliant people, from opposite sides of the political spectrum, reach some surprising conclusions. If you didn’t see it when it was broadcast, here’s a chance to catch up on television at its very best; if you did, come remind yourself of the issues.

The town will be holding a referendum on impeachment, the results of which will go to our Congressional delegation. Come to the discussion to charge your batteries and give your thinking a jolt before you vote.

Warren Kornberg



Services for Seniors

Activities of Daily Living

- Bathing
- Dressing
- Lifting
- Transferring
- Personal Care & Hygiene

Support Services

- Companionship
- Meal Preparation
- Medication Reminder
- Physical Therapy
- Light Housekeeping
- Transportation to Appointments

For a free appointment, call 301-949-0060
eldercaring2@aol.com

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ A Garrett Park welcome to Kathy and Russ Hedge and their family who moved here from College Park in May. They purchased the Kelinger house on Cambria. They heard about Garrett Park years ago in the *Washington Post*, and wanted to join our community-oriented town. Kathy is on the board of directors of a nonprofit group that does strategy planning. Russ is CEO of Hostelling International. They have two boys, Alex and Michael, who attend GPES.
- ♪ Thomas Lincoln has moved back home and is now working at the Studio Theatre as an IT (information technology) person. He is joining Daniel Rehbehn, who also works there.
- ♪ We have a new Postmaster! Her name is Divane Pittman, and she is used to the small hometown atmosphere, since she worked previously in a small post office in Brentwood, Maryland. She has worked for 27 years in the postal system. She is married and has two daughters, one at Bowie State, and one in New York City. If you haven't already done so, give her a Garrett Park welcome the next time you pick up your mail.
- ♪ Make sure you use the new Garrett Park Elementary address (see p 10) if you need to mail something to school. The PO is very happy not having to gather all the mail for the school and letting Kensington have all the headaches!
- ♪ "Shade of Pastel," presented by the Maryland Pastel Society, is on exhibit at Strathmore Mansion until October 20, and an exhibit of middle school student art works will be on display there from October 2 to 31.
- ♪ Darya and Yuri Rozenblat, future residents of 11111 Rokeby (Mitzie Rapp's former home, now undergoing remodeling), are the proud parents of Sam, born September 4. A hearty welcome to Sam and his parents!

Weddings Celebrated

Two weddings were held by residents of Garrett Park this spring and summer. Becky Rehbehn, eldest daughter of Ken and Molly of Strathmore Avenue, married Marc Plante on April 14 at Strathmore Hall. Becky wore a stunning dress designed and made by her brother Daniel, and a great time was had by all. The reception was held at the BCC Rescue Squad house where they met.

After working for three years as an ER Tech at Sibley Hospital, Becky has just started with a cardiology practice in Bethesda and is loving it. She hopes to start grad school to be a physician's assistant next summer. At the end of July, Marc completed his MS in engineering management at GWU, with a focus in crisis and risk management. In mid-September he heads off for Portland, Oregon, to be logistical coordinator for TOPOFF 4, a disaster planning exercise for high-level government officials. He'll be looking for permanent employment when he comes home at the end of October. Mom and Dad are quite happy to have Becky and Marc living nearby in Bethesda.

The second wedding was of Emma Saito Lincoln, daughter of Ed and Megumi (Meme), on July 7. Meme just had time to drive the Fourth of July band truck in the parade before she and Ed took off for their first leg of the journey to Massachusetts. Emma married Kiyoshi Mino at the Amherst College Chapel, attended by her two brothers Owen and Thomas, and friends Claire Schwartz, Emily Whiting, and Simon Wegner. Emma and Kiyoshi had met each other on the first day of their freshman year at Amherst, nine years ago. Many Garrett Park and Japanese family and friends made it to the ceremony. Mary Moyer took a nine-hour train ride to play the chapel's old organ (complete with ciphers—meaning

some pipes sounded even without the keys being pressed).

Emma will be working as the digital preservation coordinator for the University of Illinois Library System at Champaign Urbana, while Kiyoshi attends graduate school there in sustainable development. Making a habit of moving Emma's "stuff" as an excuse for a vacation, Ed and Meme are planning a trip in their old van to Urbana, after previous trips to Palo Alto, California, and Austin, Texas.

Molly Rehbehn and Meme Lincoln

Obituary

Norah May Payne

Norah Payne gently passed away in her sleep early on June 24, 2007, at her home on Kenilworth Avenue with her three daughters beside her. She was 97 and had lived in Garrett Park for 66 years.

Norah May Russell was born at Brookside, the family home in Dorking, England, on April 1, 1910. After traveling with her parents to Canada and the United States, she was taken back to Brookside, where she was left to attend school and be raised by her loving grandparents. Her grandfather, a church organist, taught her to play the piano, and she began a lifetime of painting. When both grandparents later died within days of each other, she went to live with her devoted aunt and uncle in Rugby. Norah was an excellent student and was offered a place at Cambridge University, but she declined this to travel alone to Baltimore—with a trunk of books—to join her family, which now included four siblings.

(continued next page)

(continued from previous page)

An avid reader, she soon went to work at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, beginning a career that gave her much joy and fulfillment and which, as a result of working in the art and music department, introduced her to a number of interesting people who took special interest in her. These included the head of the Pratt Library, who arranged a scholarship for her graduate study at the University of Wisconsin; Etta and Claribel Cone, the extraordinary art collectors; and George Payne, who came in to listen to classical music on the library's extensive record collection. Norah received a master's degree in Library Science in 1934. In 1937, she married that persistent library patron who kept requesting records for her to locate; he always claimed he married her because she had a piano. They moved to Washington, where George worked for the British Embassy and Norah worked at the Library of Congress.

In 1941, they found a delightful "modern" two-bedroom house on the corner of Argyle and Montrose in rural Garrett Park, and they moved in to start a family and, as it turned out, an active civic life. A couple of weeks after the arrival of their third daughter in 1948, George and Norah moved to 26 Pembroke Street (now 10707 Kenilworth Avenue), which for the next six decades was the center for both the family and the active civic life.

In 1947 in the bay window of the Penn General Store, Norah set up a collection of books for loan with a 3 by 5 index card checkout system. Postmistress Lina Penn was most supportive, but her husband grumbled and kept moving the books away. Eventually the books moved to the basement of Lucille and Turk Stevens' house opposite the train station, with shelves of white-painted boards, bricks, and cinderblocks, and the little library was officially designated the Garrett Park Free Library. Norah served as an unpaid librarian one afternoon hour and one evening hour a week, but the door was always open and patrons could come and go, processing loans themselves. The library grew through donations by residents and through contacts Norah pursued, including discards from other libraries. By 1950, the library of more than a thousand books had moved to the new Community Center. About a year later, Norah and several other dynamic women leaders in the town advanced the idea of a County Library System and recruited Dr. George Moreland (who moved to Garrett Park from Pennsylvania) to head the new system, which Garrett Park was among the first to join. The closing financial balance for the little town library was 95 cents. As a county library, the Garrett Park Public Library grew even more quickly, with a two-story addition to the Community Center to provide a lower level for the huge children's collection and an upstairs floor for the adult sections. In 1964, Norah became children's librarian at the new Kensington Park Library and then worked at the Davis Library in North Bethesda as head refer-

ence librarian and later as deputy head librarian until her retirement in 1975.

Back in 1948, Norah edited the first Garrett Park Directory, which was motivated by the need for comprehensive town communication for the construction of a community center. For this edition, she drew the first of the town maps used as the centerfolds of the directory, showing each house and town amenity. Thus began another of her town activities, editing the directories. In all, she edited 14 editions over nearly four decades, for many of them drawing and amending the map as the town grew. Valued features of the directories that she included were the listings of town committees, their purpose and officers, essays about different aspects of the town's history, and photographs. Her interest in documenting the history of Garrett Park was further demonstrated starting in 1966 when she, Bobby Johnston, and Betsy White "embarked on an all-out interviewing and materials collection program," as acknowledged in the preface of the resulting *Garrett Park, A History of the Town from its Beginnings to 1970*, published in 1974 and edited by Barbara Shidler.

Throughout the decades, Norah held many offices, but just as importantly was a quiet worker behind the scenes—for the annual bazaars, the productions of the Garrett Players, and the big anniversary historical celebrations, among others. During the 1950s, she taught Sunday school in the community church and served as president of the Garrett Park Women's Club, chairman of the Community Center Board, secretary of the Garrett Park Citizens Association, PTA officer, and Brownie and Girl Scout leader. When the *Bugle* was founded in 1952, she typed and mimeographed the monthly editions, as well as serving as advertisement and circulation manager, a position she held through 1999.

Norah was an accomplished pianist, a recorder player, and a skilled artist. Working in oil, pastels, and watercolors, she painted portraits of family members as well as still-life and garden scenes enjoyed at local art shows. Her roles as artist and librarian were joined when she painted the official portrait of Dr. George Moreland to hang in the headquarters of the Montgomery County Library System, a gift she presented with a short speech recalling their early work together starting the County Library System.

Norah became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1954. George, her husband of 61 years, died in 1998. Her heart always held a love of England, but Garrett Park was her home. A memorial service was held in the Town Hall on August 19, with music performed by Mary Moyer and a quartet from the Washington Recorder Society; she was honored both by the many who attended and by those who spoke about her as a wife, mother, grandmother, librarian, editor, painter, musician, and contributing, caring citizen of Garrett Park.

Felicity Payne Callahan

Let's Correct the Record

When the Town Council voted September 10 to put the town position on impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney to a vote of the citizens, it gave us an opportunity to erase a blot on the town's name and ensure that when Garrett Park speaks on this issue, there will be no question about what it means to say. We were robbed of that clarity by the vandal(s) who repeatedly removed signature sheets from the Petition to the Town Council from the public space in the town lobby; the 104 names we were able to submit to the Town Council represent only those names that survived the vandalism. A referendum, by secret ballot, will enable us to correct the record and freely to speak our minds. The ballots will be safe, as citizens' petitions to their government, mounted in our public space, apparently no longer are.

It will be argued—indeed, this seems to be the position of the Democratic congressional leadership—that calling for impeachment for impeachable offenses at this time is dangerous, that it will arouse the Administration's defenders to attack us, to call us divisive and partisan, and to try to convince us and the American people that they—with their unconstitutional presidential war, secret arrests and trials, warrantless eavesdropping and wiretapping, torture, stonewalling and the rest—have the high ground, that they are the defenders of our freedom and that opposing them would undermine it. I would respond that this is not a partisan issue, that I would not want any President, of any party, in 2008 or 2058, to inherit the appalling accumulation of illicit powers these people have taken to themselves.

It will be argued that calling for impeachment now will be like poking a stick into the middle of a nest of rattlesnakes; that it will only arouse them, make them angry, make them dangerous.

That was the argument made in 2003 when, without a declaration of war, which constitutionally only the Congress can deliver, we were made to think that opposition to the disingenuous drive for a presidential war in Iraq would only arouse them, make them angry, make them dangerous.

The same argument was made when documents and testimony were denied to Congressio-

nal committees seeking to exercise their oversight responsibilities over the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the Executive Office of the President and others for gratuitous violations of constitutional protections of sacred civil liberties. Don't enforce subpoenas! It will stir up the nest, it will make them angry, it will make them dangerous.

The same argument was made when the monstrous secret wiretapping bill was approved without even being read, just this August. The unconstitutional authority to monitor our communications and listen to our conversations was needed to protect our freedom, and if we expressed outrage and necessary opposition, we were told, it would stir up the nest, it would make them angry, it would make them dangerous.

Impeachment is a tool given us by the Founding Fathers to protect us in just such a constitutional crisis as the one we are now in. We need to announce to the world that it is alive and well, and that we are aroused enough to use it in defense of our constitutional democracy against any power-abusing government officials, present and future, Republican or Democratic. We will be told impeachment is a partisan tool; to use it—even to brandish it—will stir up the nest; it will make them angry, it will make them dangerous.

Hasn't this gone far enough? Don't we know that fear is a weapon the unscrupulous use to suppress opposition and dissent? Don't we know that our constitutional form of government is being seriously undermined, and that only by expressing our outrage can we prevent it, ultimately, from becoming just another interesting historical relic?

We need to use this opportunity, given us by our Town Council, to put a lid on the nest, to give voice to our anger, to show that, without the venom, we can be dangerous, too.

Thomas Jefferson put it well, I think, when he said: "When the people fear their government, there is Tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is Liberty."

It is time we made them very, very afraid.

Warren Kornberg

GPES Education Foundation

A group of parents at GPES has started an Education Foundation, whose mission is to "improve the quality of the education environment for students, teacher, and staff" at the school. The group hopes to raise funds to supplement those provided by MCPS. Initially, these funds will be used to augment the construction funds for the school's renovation, scheduled to begin in July 2010. This might make an enlarged stage possible to support the music department,

or an outdoor classroom in which to continue the environmental education program that goes on now. Perhaps scholarships can be made for teachers to continue to grow in their fields. If you wish to donate money to the foundation, send a check made out to GPESEF, Box 131, Garrett Park, MD 20896, or call Barbara Ferry for more information. There will be a foundation meeting at the Town Hall to get things rolling on Thursday, September 27.



Arboretum Notes

The Arboretum Committee has existed since the inception of the Garrett Park Arboretum in 1977.

Currently led by Co-chairmen Matthew Nau and Chris Keller, the committee includes seven interested citizens and Town Arborist Phil Normandy, all of whom work with Town Council liaison Solange Hansen. This team serves to carry on the work of past committees to keep the Garrett Park Arboretum healthy and vibrant. Committee tasks include advising the Town Council on pruning, removing, and replanting town trees, maintaining records of tree care and planting, and keeping our citizens informed about practices and issues that directly affect us and our environment. Garrett Park typically plants 20 to 30 trees per year, as town budgets allow. Our search for new and better varieties is ongoing.

We invite town residents on the annual Garrett Park Tree Walk at 1 pm on Sunday, October 28. Starting at Penn Place, the walk will be led by Phil Normandy, the Town's consulting arborist. This event will allow residents to see and hear firsthand how our Arboretum continues to evolve and improve over time. As Plant Collections manager of Brookside Gardens, Montgomery County's public garden, Phil has great depth of knowledge through his familiarity with many

rare and unusual varieties of trees. Join Phil on this walk to gain insight and appreciation for the diversity and rarity of this living collection.

The committee would like to thank Butch, Frank, Jose, and the many town residents for watering new and established trees during the prolonged drought. Remember: the effects of the lack of precipitation are cumulative and may not be evident for a few seasons. It is especially important that drought-stressed trees have adequate water in the fall, to grow roots and to prepare them for the rigors of winter. So please water your trees and those in the town right of way adjacent to your property. A weekly, slow deep soaking (of at least one hour) is ideal. We will all be repaid many times over for this care and attention to our living, breathing Arboretum.

Travel Green This Fall!

Although summer vacations are now past, for many of us, the advent of the school year and fall activities means that we'll be in the car more than ever. The Garrett Park CAN (Climate Action Now) would like to offer suggestions for minimizing the environmental effects of your travels.

Did you know that the average car, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, gets about 20 miles to the gallon and produces 11,500 lb of greenhouse gases a year? However, getting five miles more per gallon saves 17 *tons* of greenhouse gases over the lifetime of the vehicle. The most obvious way to accomplish these savings is to get a hybrid car, but there are other ways to make your current car more efficient. For example, get regular tune-ups—this step alone can save up to 4 percent on fuel. In addition, keeping tires at their optimum pressure saves about 3 percent in fuel efficiency. Driving at the speed limit helps, too; you can save over 10 percent in fuel costs if you don't exceed the speed limit. Especially on hot days, you can decrease emissions into the atmosphere by filling up early or late in the day. Try to avoid idling unnecessarily, and do your errands in clusters, rather than making several separate trips.

GP CAN hopes you have a safe and enjoyable fall. If you have any suggestions for this column, please e-mail Lisa Kaeser.

Lisa Kaeser

Put the #1 to work for you

It's official. Jeremy Lichtenstein was Maryland's number one RE/MAX[®] agent in 2006. And 2004. And 2003.

In real estate, experience counts.
Jeremy brings together satisfied buyers and sellers in Garrett Park—and has for 20 years.
There is just One Name in Real Estate.

Jeremy
The One Name in Real Estate



Jeremy Lichtenstein • RE/MAX Realty Services
4825 Bethesda Avenue • Bethesda, Md. 20814
www.jeremyhomes.com • 301.652.0400



Arden Courts of Kensington
4301 Knowles Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895
(301) 493-7881
Quality Dementia Care

- 100% dedication to Alzheimer's care, dementia and other related memory losses
- Secure environment with spacious, safe walking gardens
- A focus on helping our residents keep their independence and maintain their dignity.

Arden Courts
Alzheimer's Assisted Living

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with crafts and arts for men and women. Play the piano, assist with our sewing and writing projects or just share your travel slides.
Call TODAY! This will be time well spent.

Fire & Safety Jamboree

The 2007 Kensington Fire & Safety Jamboree will be held at the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department on October 14 from 11 to 4 pm. The event will feature many children's activities, food, and tours of the station and apparatus. Call 301-929-8000 for more information.

Letter from the Mayor

The beginning of September always seems like the start of a new year, and this one was no exception. Many people participated in the Citizens Association forum on the impeachment resolutions, and many others talked to me about their views. The September 10 Town Council meeting was well attended. On the first issue, the impeachment resolutions, 10 people spoke, and the Council voted to hold a townwide referendum to allow all registered voters to express their views. We will send the results of the referendum to Congressman Van Hollen. (Plans for the referendum are not yet final.) The next part of the meeting was devoted to presentations by the nursery school's Save Our School Committee, responding to a draft proposal by Park and Planning calling for some recreation buildings to be closed, possibly including the nursery school building. Many parents and a few children filled the Town Hall for this part. By invitation, the Director of Montgomery County Parks and County Councilmember Floreen came to listen and comment. (Earlier in the day I also met with Roger Berliner, County Councilmember from our district and Gerilee Bennett and Brenda Artim, Co-president and Director of the nursery school. We discussed the history of the building and school and our concerns with the Parking and Planning draft proposal. See article, this page, on a related upcoming meeting.)

The nursery school building (the Garrett Park Community Center or, in Park and Planning terms, "Garrett Park Estates Recreation Center") is the result of the work of the Women's Club, the Citizens Association, and many men and women living in Garrett Park in the late 1940s and 1950s. They obtained two buildings from Fort Meade, tore them down, trucked them to Garrett Park, persuaded the Montgomery County School Board to transfer 2 acres to MNCPPC, got MNCPPC to contribute \$7500, raised a lot more money, and built the building with their own labor. Many people think that this "built" the community of Garrett Park as well. I know I was trained by those same people to do my duty and serve the town. The nursery school, which has been serving the town for 53 years, grew out of this same spirit. So did the town directory—after all, they needed a list of everyone's phone numbers so that they could call them to come work two nights a week and on weekends for two years!

The Council also approved the new plan for Cambria Park and appropriated money for the work that we hope to do this fall. A copy of the site plan is on the bulletin board in the Post Office lobby. A sidewalk from Strathmore to the pool, improvement on drainage, and filling the swale along the path between the two parts of Cambria are major features of the plan.

Also on September 10 I met with Martin Trocki, town staff Ted Pratt and Elizabeth Henley, and the designer of our new town Web site to

review the progress on the site, which will be at GarrettPark.gov. Watch for it coming soon.

On September 14, Elizabeth Henley, Councilmember Solange Hansen, and I will attend the Governor's day-long seminar on grant writing. Our first effort will be to prepare a grant proposal (with the help of the GP Historic Preservation Committee) to develop a walking tour brochure and an interactive map (for the Web site), highlighting the history and architecture of our town.

On September 20, Garrett Park will host the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League meeting with the new chair of our county's Senate delegation and with Delegate Kumar Barve, the House of Delegates Majority Leader.

On September 26, I have arranged a meeting for two other municipal officials and myself with Marilyn Praisner, President of the Montgomery County Council, and Mike Knapp, the Vice President of the County Council, to plan efforts to protect county and local government revenues in the coming State Legislature session.

Pam Morgan is starting work on a new town directory, keeping up her mother's tradition. Elizabeth Henley and I have agreed to go to every door in town to gather the information. Watch for us coming by soon to see you! Please call the Town Office if you would like to help.

The Montgomery County Rescue Department has agreed to provide us with supplies of the "File of Life," a magnetized file with a card inside of critical medical information on each member of your family in case of an emergency. If the Rescue Squad is summoned to your house, they will look for this file on your refrigerator and take it with you to the hospital. We will be making files available in the Post Office lobby as soon as received.

A number of senior citizens have expressed interest in setting up more activities and a committee to explore programs to help older people stay in their homes and remain active in town. If interested, call the Town Office, 301-933-7488.

A big thank you to town staff for all the work they have been doing to make the town beautiful, and also to many of you who help carry on all the town's work. Sorry this is so long, but there is much to report. Thanks for sticking with me.

Carolyn Shawaker

Community Briefing

On September 25, at 7 pm, a meeting will take place in the GPES cafeteria concerning the future of the nursery school building. Planners from the Montgomery County Public Schools as well as the County Department of Parks will attend to answer questions. This meeting, organized by the Montgomery County Councilmember Floreen, is expected to be the first of several on these issues.

Fourth of July Report

The Citizens Association would like to recognize everyone who helped make the July Fourth festivities a success.

Parade Results

Category	Place	Entry	Winner
Floats			
Most Appropriate to Theme	1st	138	Spinard & Pruitt
	2nd	142	Mulligan
	3rd	140	Tilkin
Most Humorous	1st	139	Wiry; Hunter
	2nd	138	Spinard & Pruitt
	3rd	142	Mulligan
Most Original	1st	137	Miller; Malone; Rehbehn
	2nd	140	Tilkin
	3rd	138	Spinard & Pruitt
Best Overall	1st	138	Spinard & Pruitt
	2nd	137	Miller; Malone; Rehbehn
	3rd	140	Tilkin
Bikes & Scooters			
Most Appropriate to Theme	1st	205	Salvatore
	2nd	218	Pannullos
	3rd	217	Grande
Most Humorous	1st	215	Murphy
	2nd	205	Salvatore
	3rd	206	Baetzhold
Most Original	1st	215	Murphy
	2nd	203	Ratcliffe
	3rd	206	Baetzhold
Best Overall	1st	223	Alderson
	2nd	218	Pannullos
	3rd	200	Dove
Walkers (Individuals)			
Most Appropriate to Theme	1st	413	Chopper
	2nd	406	Hoffman
	3rd	409	Hoback
Most Humorous	1st	401	Hamel
	2nd	400	Gootenberg
	3rd	409	Hoback
Most Original	1st	414	Ferguson
	2nd	409	Hoback
	3rd	413	Chopper
Best Overall	1st	410	Ryan Family
	2nd	403	Lewis
	3rd	413	Chopper
Walkers (Groups)			
Most Appropriate to Theme	1st	320	Lepak, McAuliffe
	2nd	319	Shuck, Sorensen, Hirsch, & Hickey Kids & Hank Roll
	3rd	323	Black & Moffett
Most Humorous	1st	318	Tinker
	2nd	312	Lange & Mayhew
	3rd	313	Hooton & Mexas
Most Original	1st	318	Tinker
	2nd	323	Black & Moffett
	3rd	326	Berry & Gretschel
Best Overall	1st	320	Lepak, McAuliffe
	2nd	316	Smith, Black, Pratt, Hosseini
	3rd	326	Berry & Gretschel
Wagons			
Most Appropriate to Theme	1st	501	Salvatore / Whalen
	2nd	521	Flannery Family
	3rd	519	Schelp / Hoyt
Most Humorous	1st	513	Dutton & Doring
	2nd	518	Pearce et al.
	3rd	502	Hamina
Most Original	1st	517	Vergara
	2nd	502	Hamina
	3rd	508	Gibson
Best Overall	1st	517	Vergara
	2nd	520	Kane
	3rd	512	Dutton & Doring

Judges: Jim Flannery, Pat Rye, Tom Hines, & Katherine Mitchell

Fun Run Results

Seventy-five people of all ages turned out for the annual Fun Run. The overall winner of the 2 mile course was Sean Ruttkay, with a time of 11:29.

The group winners 20 and up were as follows:

20–29 yr	Female	Rachel Sap
	Male	Sean Ruttkay
30–39 yr	Female	Jennifer Heaton
	Male	Patrick Altekruise
40–49 yr	Female	Patty Guay-Berry
	Male	Steve Roll
50–59 yr	Female	Fredrika Moser
	Male	Harry Gordon
60–69 yr	Female	Elizabeth Whiting
	Male	Richard Fischman

Thanks to Volunteers

We apologize if we’ve left someone out!

Dave Almy	Jim Flannery	Pam Morgan
Sean Altekruise	Bridget Giblin	Fredricka Moser
Pat Altekruise	Todd Harris	Mary Moyer
Felicia Bellows	Tom Hines	Pat Rye
Peter Benjamin	Jennifer Krivanek	Nancy Schwartz
Tim Casassa	Laura Krupp	Ken Schwartz
Brad Christmas	Hannah Marsh	Matt Stavish
Robin Daley	Stathi Mexas	Chris Strong
Claire Ferguson	Katherine Mitchell	Dan Townsend
		Nancy Walz

GROSVENOR
MARKET

9–9 MONDAY–SATURDAY
9–6 SUNDAY

FAST, FRIENDLY, CONVENIENT SERVICE
(301) 493-6217

Strathmore Ave.

Tuckerman Lane

Grosvenor Metro

Rockville Pike

10401

Market

Grosvenor Place

Don't you wish you could stop time?

We Can!

Les Henig
PHOTOGRAPHY

301-933-5762

www.LesHenig.com

Impressions of China

What does China look like from four feet and eleven inches off the ground? This summer I had the awesome experience of being in China on my twelfth birthday, while traveling with my family for a month during July and August.

In **Beijing**, we visited the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, and the Temple of Heaven, but my favorite was the Great Wall of China, because of the spectacular view—you can see miles of trees, mountains, and more of the everlasting wall. In **Chongqing**, we walked around a market place where my brother got a haircut, and visited the Museum of History of China, where we saw how silk is made from an itty-bitty silk worm. (First you soak it, and then you take a bit of silk from the little wet ball and put it on a spinning wheel. Next you must stretch it on a triangle, and then stretch it even further with many other silk balls.) To reach **Chengdu** (where paper money was invented), we took a lovely 3 hour train ride that passed under 72 tunnels! Among the highlights of Chengdu were the house (and garden, and creeks) of the Chinese poet Du Fu, and the Silk Road, where people sold so many interesting toys, paintings, foods, and pottery. Chengdu is also the panda hub of China. My little brother's smile persuaded a panda nurse to let us see a three-week-old panda!

In **Shanghai**, we visited the Pearl Tower (the world's third tallest TV and radio tower), whose massiveness is hard to describe. You could barely get a picture of the whole thing: only its legs fit in. The view from the top of the tower was amazing! You could see huge clouds charging at you!

To get to **Xi'an** from Shanghai we took a 16 hour train ride through beautiful scenery. I noticed that every bit of land was being put to some good use, and never wasted. I saw hard

working farmers tending their crops, which will eventually feed a nation. We spent a week in the city, shopping in small shops by the streets, visiting the amazing terra-cotta warriors, and riding bicycles around the city wall.

Before coming home, we returned to Beijing and saw an experiment taking place. Half of all the cars in Beijing were eliminated for three days, as a test for the 2008 Olympics. All the cars always had a destination and never wasted time. It all looked like a gigantic video game.

My overall impression of China was that though it is very beautiful, there is much pollution, and although there are many rich people, there are also many poor. No matter how much money they have, or where they live, they are always working hard with smiles on their faces. Many people in China are learning English and were very curious about me, as I was about them. I wonder why we should not learn Chinese and about the people too, for learning about other cultures and people is the only way to communicate and to expand our knowledge in our beautiful planet.

And for my twelfth birthday? We celebrated that in Xi'an, on the day we spent biking around the city wall. We went to the wall in the morning, which was a good thing, because many people were getting bikes and they were disappearing fast. Finally, we got our bikes and started our 17-kilometer journey, with me and my sister on a double bike, my mom and brother on another double bike, and my dad on a single bike. As we went along we switched off bikes and stopped for water many, many times. It was a very bumpy ride. After the ride, we ended our celebration by going to a Starbucks (yes, they are in China, too).

A Garrett Parker

GPES

Garrett Park Elementary School no longer has a Garrett Park address. Mail is now being routed through the Kensington Post Office, which will mean that the school mail will be delivered rather than picked up. If you need to mail something to the school, please address it to 4810 Oxford St., Kensington, MD 20895. It feels as if some of the "home towness" of the school has ended!

On another note, we have an Ilah Gieser scholarship winner for next year, who will be getting lessons on the trumpet. Congratulations. As their year-end gift, the fifth graders donated a red maple tree (Brandywine, Autumn Blaze) that was planted on the ground near the new addition. The Student Council at GPES was the Maryland recipient of the Safeway Spirit Award for their work on the "Pennies for Patients" fund raising effort. The money raised went to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

We have a new principal, Elaine Chang-Baxter, who comes to us from the Board of Education. We also have a new position of Assistant Principal, being filled by Wanda Means-Davis. Our guidance counselor, Wendi Borowski, left over the summer to move to her family in California, so Shana Shnaue will be joining us in that position. Finally, three new teachers have come on board: Sarah Berry in first grade, and Allison Frank and Amy Estrain in third grade. Our Secretary Fran Reed is replaced by Janet Georgatsos.

School has started off with a bang this year. Classes are filled, and still children are being enrolled. The staff has played musical rooms, which makes for some interesting searches when you want to talk to someone. The new staff acts as though they have been there forever and seem to fit right in. We look for a full and exciting year.

Mary Moyer